GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLING AT U.P. BORDER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of smugglers have increased at U.P. Border;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check the same;

(c) whether any complaints regarding involvement of officers/employees of Customs Department and Police Department posted at the borders in smuggling and other illegal activities have been received; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against such officers/employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) There is no definite indication regarding increase in activities of smugglers at U.P. Border. However, the field formations under the Customs Department including DRI are alert to prevent any attempt of smuggling, including smuggling through U.P. Border.

(c) No such complaints have been received by the Department in recent times.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.